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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

JOHN D. WINTER ET AL.

Serial No. 09/781,200

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EXAMINER: Robert J. Popovics

For: METHOD FOR WITHDRAWING
AND DEWATERING SLAG FROM
A GASIFICATION SYSTEM

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the Examiner's Non-Final Rejection (Paper No. 14) which was mailed June 4, 2003, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set, thereby having a response due on September 4, 2003.

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Introductory Comments

Please find enclosed an amendment and response to the Examiner's Non-Final rejection which was sent June 4, 2003. Please enter the following amendment to the claims and consider the accompanying remarks.